

# **Report on Selected Algodones Dunes Insects**

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In September, the Bohart Museum of Entomology initiated a status review of 19 Algodones Dunes insect taxa pursuant to an Assistance Agreement (BAA033001/BAA06044) issued under the umbrella Cooperative Agreement for the Californian Cooperative Ecosystems Unit (CESU). Hereafter, the 19 insects included in this CESU project list (most of which were thought to be endemic to the Algodones Dunes) are referred to as "CESU insects". The information is organized in the form of data sheets for each species, which include (a) taxonomy, (b) collection localities, (c) known or inferred distribution, (d) life history, (e) habitat requirements (including vegetation associations and known or suspected host plants), (f) population status and trend, and (g) sensitivity to habitat change or disturbance. In addition, a distribution map has been compiled for each species based on published collection information and museum specimens.

In the process of gathering this information we encountered a number of species that need to be discussed as well. All of the species covered in this study are listed in Table 1, which gives their endemic status and what we know of their natural history. We discovered that two of the CESU insects (*Dasymutilla imperialis* Manley and *Dasymutilla nocturna* Mickel) are not endemic to the Dunes, but are much more widespread. Six additional species were found to be endemic to the Dunes and one genus of tiphiid wasp is found nowhere else; these are discussed in Section 2. In Section 3, we have included information on non-CESU species that have been described in Wikipedia.org and AllExperts.com, as endemic to the Algodones Dunes but are in fact much more widespread. We have been unable to see representatives of some species as a result we have no photographs of the following species: *Apiocera warneri* Cazier, *Efferia macroxzipha* Forbes, all *Perdita* species, *Trigonoscuta rothi algodones* Pierce, *T. r. imperialis* Pierce and *T. r. punctata* Pierce.

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# **Order HYMENOPTERA**

# Algodones Perdita Perdita algodones Timberlake

(Hymenoptera: Andrenidae)

# **Taxonomy**

*Perdita algodones* Timberlake 1980:26. Holotype male; California: Imperial Co., 3.5 mi. northwest Glamis (types are deposited in the California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco, on permanent loan from the University of California, Riverside).

# **Diagnostic features**

According to Timberlake (1980) this species is closest to *Perdita pectidis* Cockerell It differs from that species by the more closely punctured and hairier from and mesoscutum, the whitish wings, and different markings on the abdomen. Body length is 4-4.5 mm.

# **Collection localities/distribution**

CALIFORNIA: Imperial Co., 3.5 mi. northwest Glamis, 1 mi. west Glamis, 3 mi. west Glamis. The species is known from the type series, which was collected in April.

# **Natural history**

Nest sites. Unknown. However, where known Perdita species nest in the ground.

Nectar plants. Unknown, but Perdita species are nectar and pollen host plant specific.

*Habitat requirements*. The species is only recorded from the Algodones Dunes.

Collecting techniques. Hand-netting, malaise trap, yellow bowls.

# **Population status**

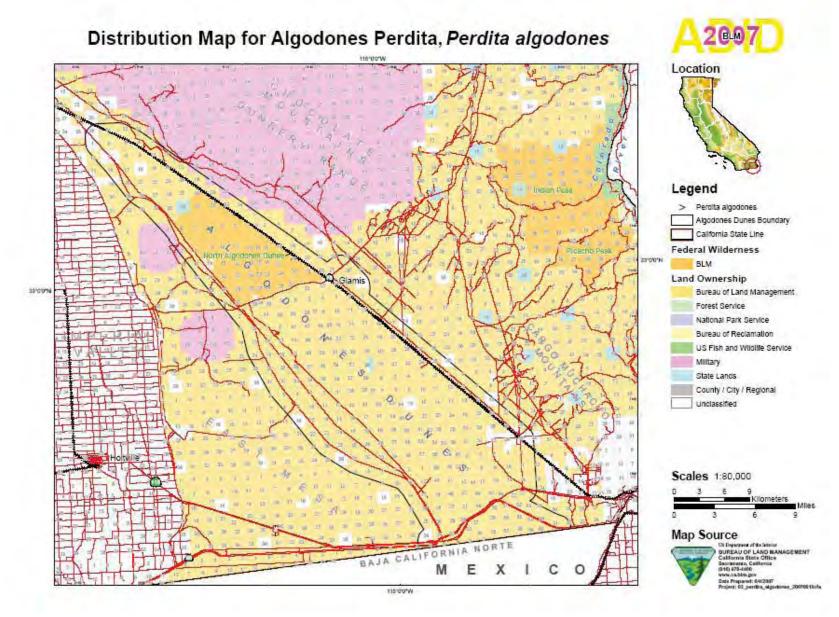
Unknown.

# Sensitivity to disturbance

Anything adversely affecting the nectar plants they visit, or their nest sites could seriously impact these bees. How significant any such habitat disturbance would be to this species would depend on the number of plants affected and the severity of the impact to individual plants.

# **Information sources**

No specimens have been seen. Information is from Timberlake (1980).



# Glamis Perdita Perdita glamis Timberlake

(Hymenoptera: Andrenidae)

# **Taxonomy**

*Perdita glamis* Timberlake 1980:16.Holotype male; California: Imperial Co., Glamis (types are deposited in the California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco, on permanent loan from the University of California, Riverside).

# **Diagnostic features**

This is a distinctive species; the males are macrocephalous, with the head often greatly broadened anteriorly, with cheeks wider than the eyes and the mandibles thickened and apically incurved and attenuate. Females are undescribed. The body length is 5 mm.

### Collection localities/distribution

CALIFORNIA: Imperial Co.: Glamis. The species is only known from the type series (two individuals). *Perdita glamis* was collected in the month of June.

# **Natural history**

Nest sites. Unknown. However, where known Perdita species nest in the ground.

Nectar plants. Unknown, but Perdita species are nectar and pollen host plant specific.

Habitat requirements. Endemic to the Algodones Dunes.

Collecting techniques. Hand netting, malaise trap, yellow bowls.

# **Population status**

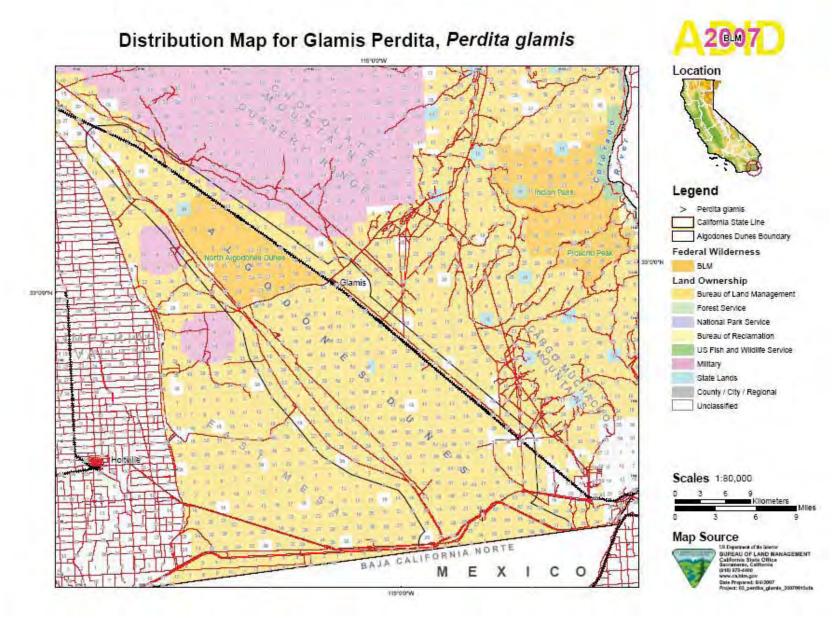
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# Sensitivity to disturbance

Anything adversely affecting the nectar plants they visit, or their nest sites could seriously impact these bees. How significant any such habitat disturbance would be to this species would depend on the number of plants affected and the severity of the impact to individual plants.

# **Information sources**

No specimens have been seen. Information is from Timberlake (1980).



# **Glamis White-faced Bee** Habropoda n. sp.

(Hymenoptera: Apidae)

# **Taxonomy**

This is an undescribed species of Habropoda most closely related to pallida (Timberlake).

# **Diagnostic features**

This species has dense whitish hair on the thorax and in bands on the otherwise dark abdomen. Body length is 10-12 mm.

# **Collection localities/distribution**

CALIFORNIA: Imperial Co.: Glamis; 1 specimen was seen, collected in the month of April.

# **Natural history**

Nectar plants. Unknown.

Habitat requirements. Endemic to the Algodones Dunes.

Collecting techniques. Hand netting.

# **Population status**

Unknown.

# Sensitivity to disturbance

Anything adversely affecting the nectar plants they visit, or their nest sites could seriously impact these

bees. How significant any such habitat disturbance would be to this species would depend on the number of plants affected and the severity of the impact to individual plants.

# **Information sources:**

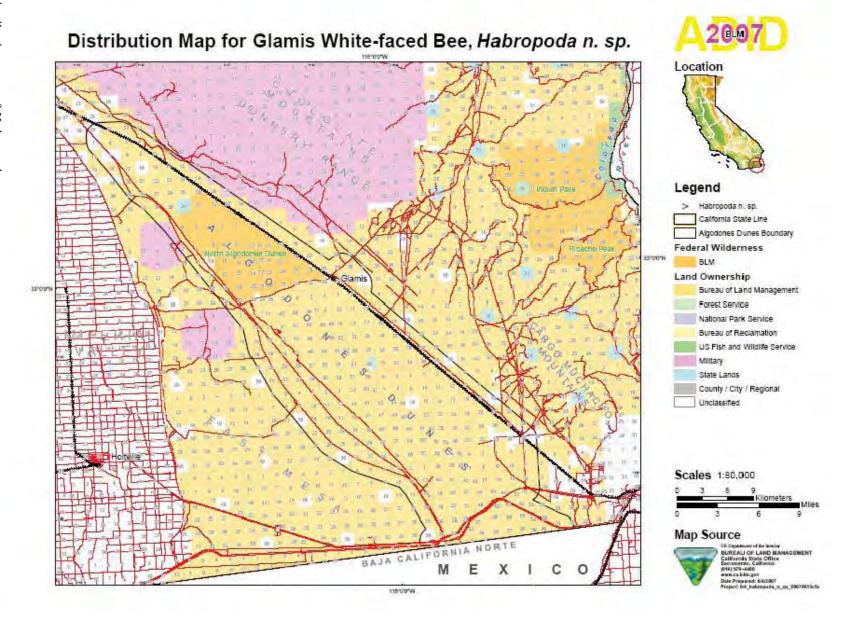
A single specimen in the Bohart museum of Entomology, University of California, Davis.



Habropoda n. sp., side view



Habropoda n. sp., top view.



# **Imperial Night Mutillid** Dasymutilla imperialis Manley & Pitts

(Hymenoptera: Mutillidae)

# **Taxonomy**

Dasymutilla imperialis Manley & Pitts 2004:647 Holotype male; California: Imperial Co., Glamis Dunes, 1 mi. west Glamis (types are deposited in the USDA-ARS Bee Biology and Systematics Laboratory).

# **Diagnostic features**

The male is moderate-sized, about 10-12 mm long. The all black coloration, with strong bluish tints is diagnostic for the species. In addition, the wings are darkly tinted blackish. The female is unknown.

### **Collection localities/distribution**

CALIFORNIA: Imperial Co., 1 mi. west Gecko

Campground road near Hwy 78; MEXICO: Baja California Sur: Santiago, 30 km east Las Barracas, Sur Los Frailes; 8 specimens were examined. The species is collected in April and September.



# **Natural history**

Host. Unknown. Members of this family are all parasitoids on other insects, particularly bees and sphecid wasps. Dasymutilla species are known to parasitize ground-nesting species of sphecid wasp, such as Bembix species.

*Nectar plants*. Unknown

Habitat requirements. Sand dunes from Imperial Co., California to southern Baja California Sur, Mexico.

Collecting techniques. Specimens have been collected in yellow pan, pitfall, malaise and black light traps.

# **Population status**

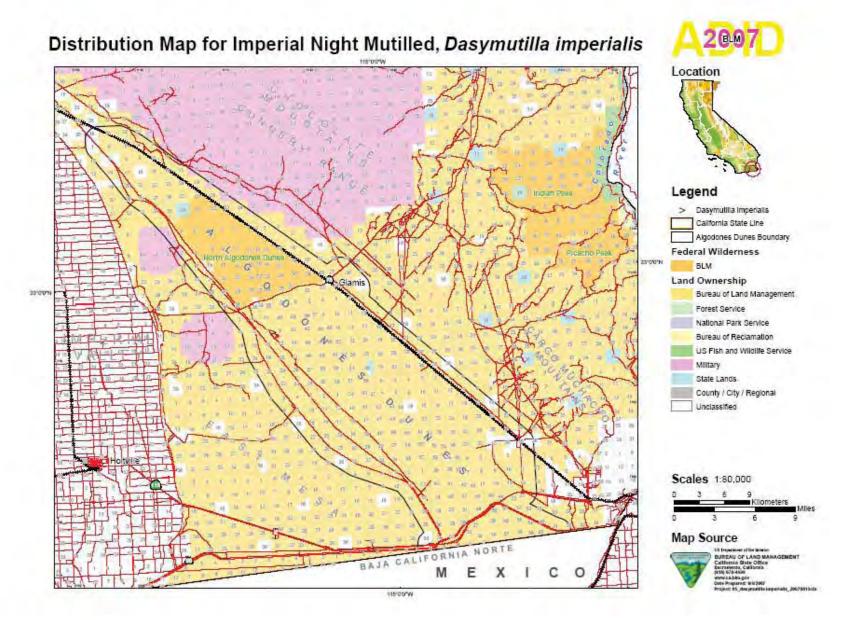
Unknown.

# Sensitivity to disturbance

Unknown.

### **Information sources**

Specimens were examined in museum collections of the Essig Museum, University of California, Berkeley and Natural History Museum of Los Angeles. Information was also taken from Manley and Pitts (2004).



# Nocturnal Dasymutilla Dasymutilla nocturna Mickel

(Hymenoptera: Mutillidae)

# **Taxonomy**

Dasymutilla nocturna Mickel 1928:279. Holotype female; California: Imperial Co., Andrade, Colorado Sand Desert (types deposited in the University of Minnesota and Cornell University).

Dasymutilla paranocturna Barr & Hurd 1947:21. Holotype female; California: San Bernardino Co., 5 mi northeast Yermo (type deposited in the California Academy of Sciences). Synonymized by Manley 1999.

*Dasymutilla subhyalina* Mickel 1928:21. Holotype male; California: Imperial Co., Andrade (type in the University of Minnesota). Synonymized by Manley 1999.

# **Diagnostic features**

The most distinctive feature of this species is the black and white coloration in both sexes. Males are winged, females are wingless. These wasps are 9-13 mm long.

# **Collection localities/distribution**

USA: ARIZONA: Yuma Co.: Yuma; CALIFORNIA: Imperial Co., Glamis, 2.5 mi ne Glamis, 6 mi w Glamis, 3 mi n Glamis, 3 mi nw Glamis, 5 mi n Glamis, 10 mi n Glamis, Bard, Andrade; MEXICO: SONORA: 6 mi n El Golfo; 84 specimens are known. The species has been collected in the months of April through October.

# **Natural history**

*Host*. Unknown. Members of this family are all parasitoids on other insects, particularly bees and sphecid wasps.

*Habitat requirements*. Sand dunes, from the Algodones Dunes south to northern Sonora, Mexico.

Collecting techniques. Specimens have been collected in yellow pan, pitfall, malaise and black light traps.

# **Population status**

Unknown.

# Sensitivity to disturbance

Unknown.

# **Information sources**



Dasymutilla nocturna, male side view



Dasymutilla nocturna, male, top view.

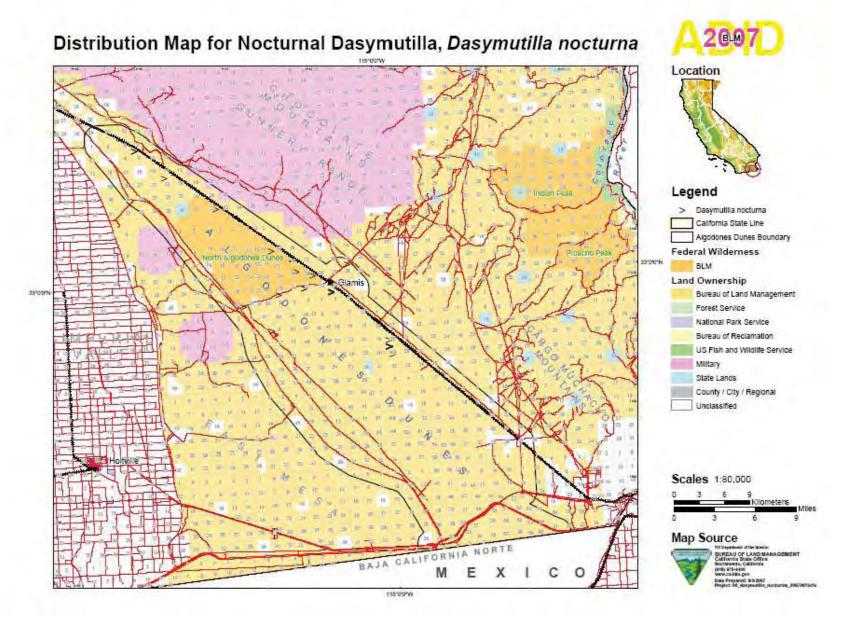


Dasymutilla nocturna, female, side view.



Dasymutilla nocturna, female, top view.

Specimens were examined from museum collections in the Bohart Museum of Entomology, University of California, Davis; State Collection of Arthropods, California Department of Food and Agriculture, Sacramento. Information was also taken from Barr and Hurd (1947), Manley (1998, 2005) and Mickel (1928).



# Algodones Sand Wasp Microbembex elegans Griswold

(Hymenoptera: Sphecidae)

# **Taxonomy**

Microbembex elegans Griswold 1996:142. Holotype male; California: Imperial Co.: Glamis Dunes, 1.6 km w Glamis (the type series is deposited in the USDA Bee Biology & Systematics Laboratory, Logan, Utah).

# **Diagnostic features**

This species differs from others in the genus by the presence of a carinate midcoxae and the distinctively modified male mid and hindlegs. Females have white rake spines on the foreleg and a forecoxal spine. Body length ranges from 9-12 mm.

### Collection localities/distribution

CALIFORNIA: Imperial Co.: 1 mi w Glamis, 4 mi south Ogilby; 11 specimens have been described, which were collected in the months of September and October. This is only one of two North American species with localized distributions; the rest are widely distributed.

# **Natural history**

Nectar plants. Unknown.

Habitat requirements. This species is endemic to the Algodones Dunes. It has been collected nowhere else. According to Griswold (1996) *elegans* is restricted to dune areas with active slip faces, around

Microbembex elegans, side view.



Microbembex elegans, top view.

the base of shrubs where detritus accumulates. These wasps are scavengers, feeding their larvae on dead and dying insects they find on the ground. The shallow nests are built in the soil and are provisioned with dead insects.

Collecting techniques. Malaise trap, hand netting.

# **Population status**

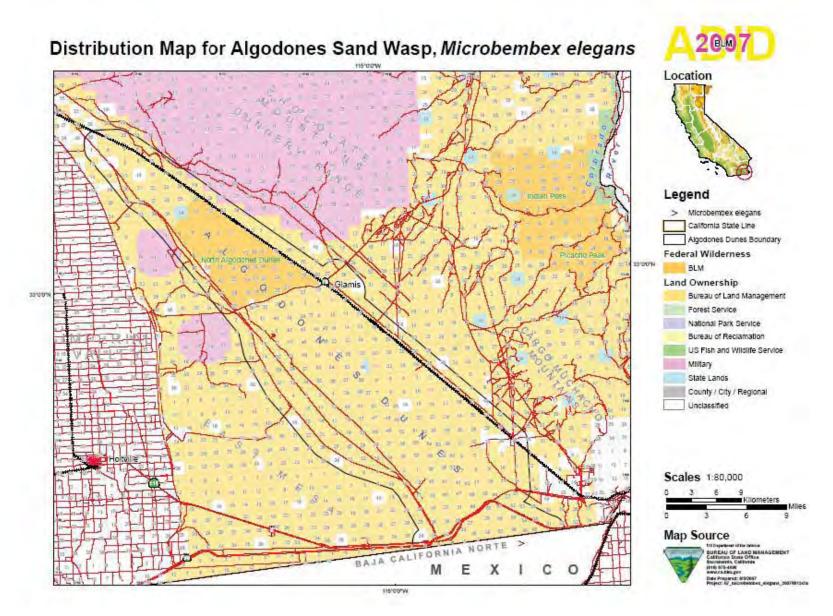
Unknown.

# Sensitivity to disturbance

Unknown, but anything that adversely affects their nest and foraging sites in the sand could seriously impact the species. How significant any such habitat disturbance would be to this species would depend on the number of foraging sites affected and the severity of the impact to these foraging sites. Griswold (1996) commented that no specimens were found in a search of areas with high off-road vehicle use and no vegetation.

# **Information sources**

Information came from Griswold (1996) and collection data from Terry Griswold.



# **Algodones Sand Wasp** Stictiella villegasi Bohart

(Hymenoptera: Larridae)

# **Taxonomy**

Stictiella villegasi Bohart 1982:596. Holotype male; California: Imperial Co., Glamis (types deposited at the Bohart Museum, University of California, Davis).

# **Diagnostic features**

According to Bohart and Gillaspy (1985) diagnostic features include a distinct arolium, curved male basitarsus, hindfemur with only a few small setae, untinted wing membrane, labrum shorter than eye height, and the female first flagellomeres as long as the scape. The body length averages 20 mm.

# **Collection localities/distribution**

CALIFORNIA: Imperial Co., Glamis, 3 mi. nw Glamis, Holtville, 20 mi. w Yuma, Yuma sand dunes; 8 specimens were seen, all from the type series. The species is collected in the months of October and November.

# **Natural history**

Nest sites. Unknown for this species, but related species nest in flat or gently sloping sandy soil.

*Prev species.* Unknown for this species, other Stictiella species prey on butterflies and moths.

Nectar plants. Unknown.

Habitat requirements. Areas of flat or gently sloping sandy soil. This species is only recorded from the Algodones Dunes.

Collecting techniques. Hand netting, malaise traps.

# **Population status**

Unknown.

# Sensitivity to disturbance

Unknown, but anything that affects their nest sites in the sand could seriously impact the species. How significant any such habitat disturbance would be to this species would depend on the number of foraging sites affected and the severity of the impact to these foraging sites.

### **Information sources**

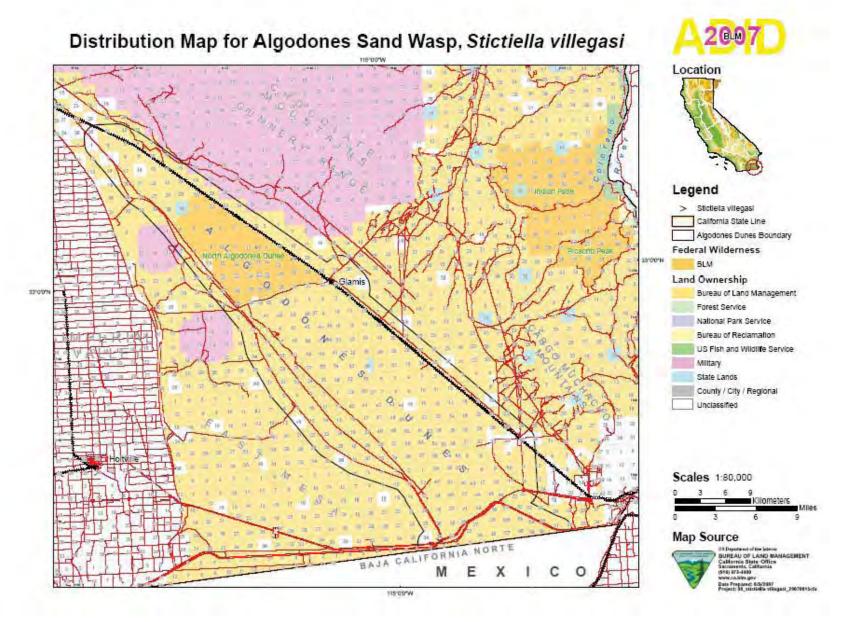


Stictiella villegasi, side view.



Stictiella villegasi, top view.

Museum specimens in the Bohart Museum of Entomology, University of California, Davis. Information was also taken from Bohart (1982) and Bohart and Gillaspy (1985).



# Algodones Euparagia Euparagia new species

(Hymenoptera: Vespidae)

# **Taxonomy**

This is one of ten species of the genus *Euparagia*. Euparagia is endemic to the southwestern region of North America. The genus belongs to the primitive, monotypic subfamily Euparaginae, in the family Vespidae. The genus was most recently revised by Bohart (1989), but is undergoing revision by James M. Carpenter, American Museum of Natural History, New York.

# **Diagnostic features**

These are small yellow, orange and black marked predatory wasps averaging 5-7 mm long.

### **Collection localities/distribution**

CALIFORNIA: Imperial Co., sand dunes east of Brawley, one specimen: 7 mi w Glamis, four specimens: 2 mi w Glamis, one female: Riverside Co., 4 mi. E. of Indio, one specimen, San Bernardino Co., south side Kelso Dunes; 17 specimens were examined. The species was collected in the months of March, June and July.

# **Natural history**

*Nest sites.* Euparagia nest in burrows in the ground.

*Prey species*. Other species of *Euparagia* are beetle predators.

Nectar plants. These wasps have been collected on flowers of Coldenia plicata, Eriogonum deserticola and Tiquilia sp.

Habitat requirements. loose sandy soil, dunes. These wasps are found on sand dunes east of Brawley, east of Indio, the Algodones Dunes and the Kelso Dunes.

Collecting techniques. Hand netting, malaise trap.

# **Population status**

Unknown.

# Sensitivity to disturbance

Unknown, but anything that affects their nest sites in the sand could seriously impact the species. How significant any such habitat disturbance would be to this species would depend on the number of foraging sites affected and the severity of the impact to these foraging sites.

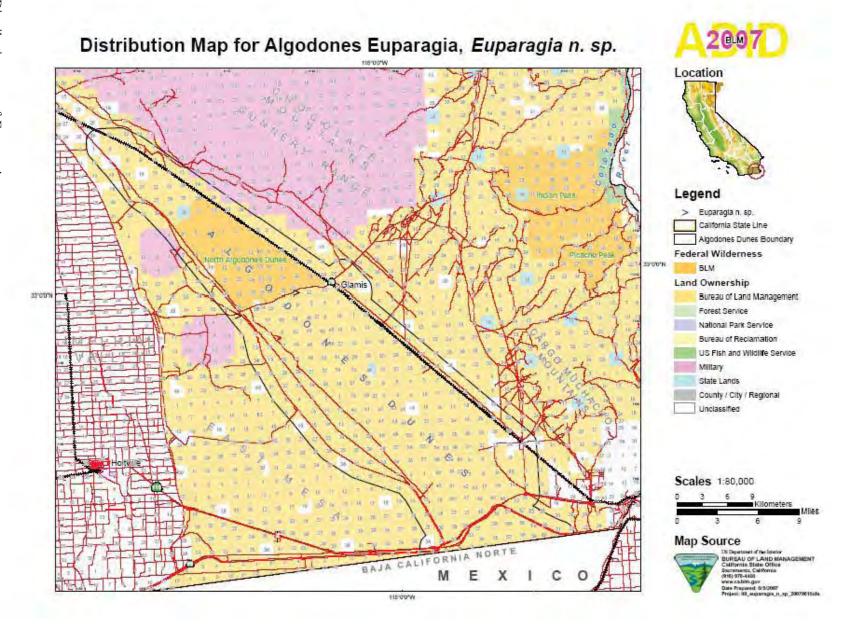
### **Information sources**





Euparagia n. sp., top view.

Specimens are in the collection of the Entomological Research Museum, University of California, Riverside. Specimen collection data was obtained from J. M. Carpenter.



# **Order Coleoptera**

# Algodones Sand Jewel Beetle Lepismadora algodones Velten

(Coleoptera: Buprestidae)

# **Taxonomy**

Lepismadora algodones Velten 1987 (in Velten and Bellamy 1987):188. Holotype male; California: Imperial Co., Algodones Dunes sand hills, 7.2 mi w Glamis (the types are deposited in the California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco)

This species belongs to a monotypic genus that is only distantly related to any other North American groups. The nearest related group is the genus *Eudiadora* Obenberger, which is only known from Argentina.

# **Diagnostic features**

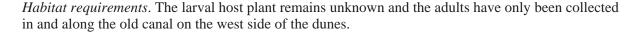
The small size (around 3 mm long), "sand"-colored and white waxy underside will distinguish h this species. In addition, adults are associated with *Tiquilia* plants.

### Collection localities/distribution

CALIFORNIA: Imperial Co.: 7.2 mi. west Glamis, Hwy 178, 7.3 mi. west Glamis, 2 mi. north Glamis; 159 specimens are known. The species has been collected in the months between June and September. It is only known from the Algodones Dunes.

# Natural history

Host plants. Adults are found in flowers of *Tiquilia plicata* (Boraginaceae). This beetle only flies during the hottest time of the day, between 10 am and 2 pm.



Collecting techniques. Sweep netting the host plant, Tiquilia.

### **Population status**

Unknown.

# Sensitivity to disturbance

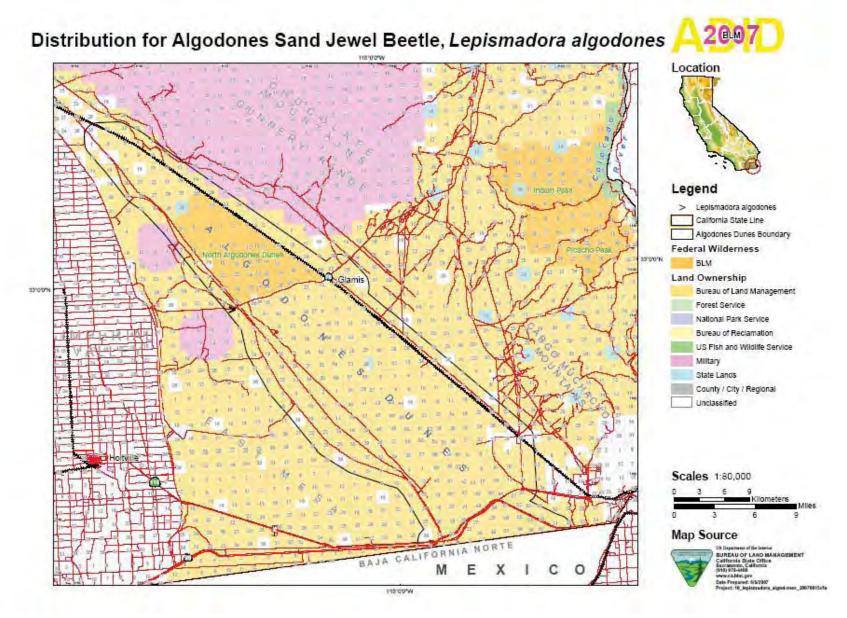
Unknown, but anything that affects their host plants could seriously impact the species. How significant any such habitat disturbance would be to this species would depend on the number of host plants affected and the severity of the impact to the individual plants.

# **Information sources**

Specimens were examined in museum collections at the University of California, Riverside, and State Insect Collection, California Department of Food & Agriculture, Sacramento. Information was also taken from Velten and Bellamy (1987).



Lepismadora algodones, side view.



# Algodones White Wax Jewel Beetle Prasinalia imperialis (Barr)

(Coleoptera: Buprestidae)

# **Taxonomy**

Prasinalia imperialis (Barr) 1969:326. (original generic name: *Hippomelas*). Holotype male; California: Imperial Co., 4 mi west Gordon's Well (the type series is deposited in the California Academy of Sciences).

# **Diagnostic features**

This is the largest (19-24 mm long) buprestid found in sand dune habitats in California. The body is iridescent red-purple. However, newly emerged individuals are covered with white waxy powder.

### Collection localities/distribution

CALIFORNIA: Imperial Co., Glamis, Glamis: 3.9 mi. west, 5.5-6.5 mi. west, 6.2 mi. west, 7 mi. west, 7.3 mi. west Glamis; 6.2 mi. west, 17 mi. northwest; 4 mi. west Gordon's Well; Brawley east sand dunes (=Algodones Dunes); 62 specimens were seen. This species has been collected in the months of June and July.

# **Natural history**

Host plants. The species is associated with Eriogonum deserticola (Polygonaceae), and adults are found resting on the foliage, particularly in the early morning. Larvae have been found in the roots and crown of this plant species.

*Habitat requirements*. Sand dunes where the *Eriogonum* host plant is present. The species occurs in the Algodones Dunes.

Collecting techniques. Net-collecting.

# Prasinalia imperialis perching.



Prasinalia imperialis, side view.

# **Population status**

Unknown.

# Sensitivity to disturbance

Unknown, but anything that affects their host plants could seriously impact the species. How significant any such habitat disturbance would be to this species would depend on the number of host plants affected and the severity of the impact to the individual plants.

### **Information sources**

Museum specimens in the State Arthropod Collection, California Department of Food and Agriculture, Sacramento; Entomological Research Museum, University of California, Riverside, and

Essig Museum, University of California, Berkeley. Information was also taken from Barr (1969) and Nelson and Bellamy (1996).

# Distribution for Algodones White Wax Jewel Beetle, Prasinalia imperialis 4200 Location Legend > Prasinala imperialis California State Line Algodones Dunes Boundary Federal Wilderness 33'00'N BLM Land Ownership Bureau of Land Management Forest Service National Park Service Bureau of Reclamation US Fish and Wildlife Service Military State Lands County / City / Regional Unclassified Scales 1:80,000 Map Source CALIFORNIA NORTE ES Department of the largest BUIFEAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT California State Office Secretoria, California (515) 975-4400

# **Harenus Jewel Beetle** Agrilus harenus Nelson

(Coleoptera: Buprestidae)

# **Taxonomy**

Agrilus harenus Nelson 1994:261. Holotype male; California: Imperial Co., 7.2 mi. west Glamis (the types are deposited in the California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco).

# **Diagnostic features**

This species most closely resembles *Agrilus lacustris* LeConte, which is also associated with Croton. It can be distinguished from that species by the denser pubescence, the sublateral Pronotal carina strongly sinuate, smaller body size and uniform bronze coloration. The body length ranges from 4.5-7.0 mm.

# Collection localities/distribution

CALIFORNIA: Imperial Co., 4/7 mi. west Glamis, 7.2 mi. west Glamis on Hwy 178, 7.3 mi. west junction Hwy 78 and Coachella Canal; 16 specimens were examined. The species has been collected in the months of June, July and September.

# **Natural history**

Host plant. Harenus Jewel Beetle adults are found on the foliage of Croton wigginsii Wheeler (Euphorbiaceae). This species probably also serves as the beetle's larval host plant. The larvae are stem boring, feeding in the roots and crown of the host plant. The *Croton* species is endemic to the Algodones and is also threatened.



Habitat requirements. The beetle is restricted in distribution to sites where the host plant occurs in areas of partly stabilized and active dunes. It is only found in the Algodones Dunes.

Collecting techniques. Beating sheet, net collecting.

# **Population status**

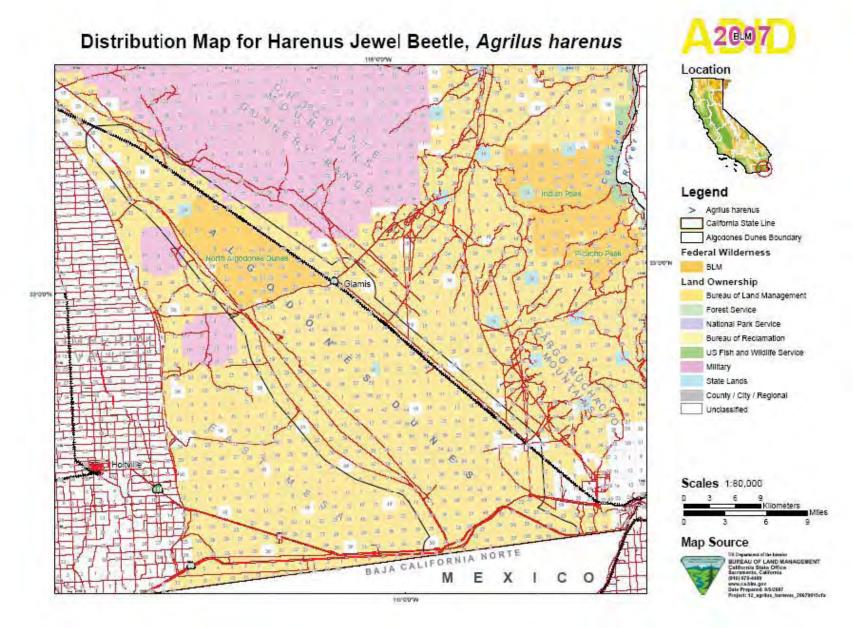
Unknown.

### **Sensitivity to disturbance**

Unknown, but anything that affects their host plants could seriously impact the species. How significant any such habitat disturbance would be to this species would depend on the number of host plants affected and the severity of the impact to the individual plants.

# **Information sources**

Specimens were examined in museum collections of the Essig Museum, University of California, Berkeley; State Insect Collection, California Department of Food & Agriculture, Sacramento and Los Angeles Museum of Natural History. Information was also taken from Nelson (1994).



# Algodones Dune Weevil Trigonoscuta rothi algodones Pierce

(Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

# **Taxonomy**

*Trigonoscuta rothi algodones* Pierce 1975:74. Holotype male; California: Imperial Co., Algodones Dunes (types deposited in Natural History Museum of Los Angeles).

# **Diagnostic features**

This is a small globular weevil, which is covered with opalescent whitish scales. Adults lack wings. The body length averages 7-9 mm.

### Collection localities/distribution

CALIFORNIA: Imperial Co.: Algodones Dunes; no specimens were seen. The type series was collected in April.

# **Natural history**

*Host plants*. Unknown, but other members of the genus are root feeders.

*Habitat requirements*. Sand dunes and open sandy soil. The subspecies is only known from the Algodones Dunes.

Collecting techniques. Pitfall trap, hand picking.

# **Population status**

Unknown.

# Sensitivity to disturbance

Unknown, but anything that affects their host plants could seriously impact the species. How significant any such habitat disturbance would be to this species would depend on the number of host plants affected and the severity of the impact to the individual plants. These flightless weevils are unable to disperse effectively.

# **Information sources**

Information was also taken from Pierce (1975).

# **Imperial Dune Weevil**

# Trigonoscuta rothi imperialis

(Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

# **Taxonomy**

*Trigonoscuta rothi imperialis* Pierce 1975:74. Holotype female; California: Imperial Co., Algodones Dunes (types deposited in Natural History Museum of Los Angeles).

# **Diagnostic features**

Unknown.

### **Collection localities/distribution**

CALIFORNIA: Imperial Co.: Algodones Dunes; no specimens were seen.

# **Natural history**

Host plants. Unknown, but other members of the genus are root feeders.

Habitat requirements. Unknown. The subspecies is only known from the Algodones Dunes.

Collecting techniques. Pitfall trap, hand picking.

# **Population status**

Unknown.

# Sensitivity to disturbance

Unknown, but anything that affects their host plants could seriously impact the species. How significant any such habitat disturbance would be to this species would depend on the number of host plants affected and the severity of the impact to the individual plants. These flightless weevils are unable to disperse effectively.

# **Information sources**

Information was also taken from Pierce (1975).

# Punctate Dune Weevil Trigonoscuta rothi punctata Pierce

(Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

# **Taxonomy**

*Trigonoscuta rothi imperialis* Pierce 1975:74. Holotype female; California: Imperial Co., Algodones Dunes (types deposited in Natural History Museum of Los Angeles).

# **Diagnostic features**

Unknown.

### **Collection localities/distribution**

CALIFORNIA: Imperial Co.: Algodones Dunes; no specimens were seen.

# **Natural history**

Host plants. Unknown, but other members of the genus are root feeders.

Habitat requirements. Unknown. The subspecies is only known from the Algodones Dunes.

Collecting techniques. Pitfall trap, hand picking.

# **Population status**

Unknown.

# Sensitivity to disturbance

Unknown, but anything that affects their host plants could seriously impact the species. How significant any such habitat disturbance would be to this species would depend on the number of host plants affected and the severity of the impact to the individual plants. These flightless weevils are unable to disperse effectively.

# **Information sources**

Information was taken from Pierce (1975).

# Roth's Dune Weevil Trigonoscuta rothi rothi Pierce

(Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

# **Taxonomy**

*Trigonoscuta rothi rothi* Pierce 1975:73. Holotype male; California: Imperial Co., 13 mi w Winterhaven, Algodones Dunes (the types are deposited in the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles).

Pierce (1975) described four subspecies of *Trigonoscuta rothi – rothi, algodones, punctata* and *imperialis*, from the same locality in the Algodones Dunes. There is no specimen information available for any of these except the type descriptions and for the nominate subspecies, *rothi*. The genus is currently under revision by Charles W. O'Brien. According to O'Brien, one or more of these subspecies may be valid species, but it is currently impossible to tell which at this time.

# **Diagnostic features**

*Trigonoscuta rothi rothi* is a small globular weevil, which is covered with opalescent whitish scales. Adults are flightless, completely lacking hindwings. The body length averages 6.5-8.5 mm.



### **Collection localities/distribution**

CALIFORNIA: Imperial Co.: Glamis, 2 mi north Glamis, 2 mi. west Glamis and 5 mi. west Glamis; Gray's Well Rd.; Ogilby Rd. US Rte 8; Brock Research Center, 26.4 mi. east Calexico; 13 mi. west Winterhaven; 210 specimens were seen. The species has been collected in the months of mid January to late March.

### **Natural history**

Host plants. Adults are foliage feeders and larvae feed on roots and buried stems. According to unpublished observations by E. R. Tinkham adults are found feeding at night on the foliage of Eriogonum deserticola, Palafoxia linearis (now Palafoxia arida), Hilaria rigida (now Pleuraphis rigida), Coldenia plicata (now Tiquilia plicata), Oenothera deltoids and Croton californicus. Adults are active on the surface of the sand at night and remain buried in the sand during the day.

*Habitat requirements*. Sand dunes and open sandy soil. The subspecies is only known from the Algodones Dunes.

Collecting techniques. Pitfall trap, hand picking, sand sifting.

# **Population status**

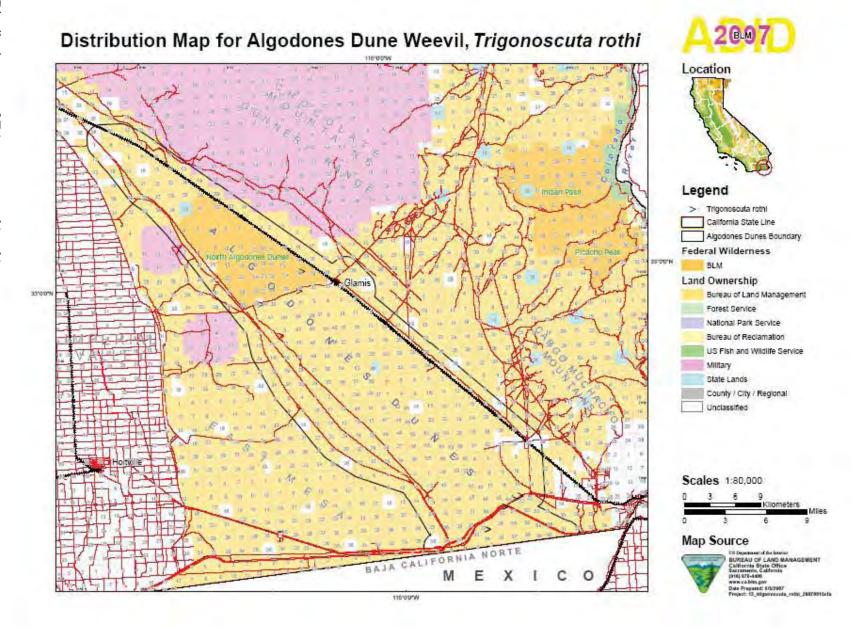
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# Sensitivity to disturbance

Unknown, but anything that affects their host plants could seriously impact the species. How significant any such habitat disturbance would be to this species would depend on the number of host plants affected and the severity of the impact to the individual plants. These flightless weevils are unable to disperse effectively.

# **Information sources**

Specimens were examined in museum collections of the Bohart Museum of Entomology, University of California, Davis; Entomological Research Museum, University of California, Riverside, and State Arthropod Collection, California Department of Food and Agriculture, Sacramento. Information was also taken from Pierce (1975).



# Carlson's Dune Beetle Anomala carlsoni Hardy

(Coleoptera: Scarabaeidae: Rutellinae)

# **Taxonomy**

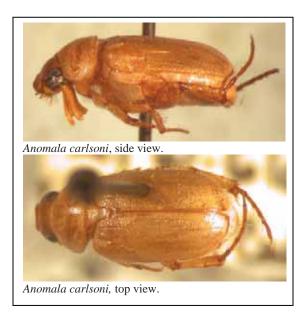
Anomala carlsoni Hardy 1976:365. Holotype male; California: Imperial Co., Glamis.

# **Diagnostic features**

This is a small, pale brown species of scarab, ranging from 6-8 mm long.

#### Collection localities/distribution

CALIFORNIA: Imperial Co.: 5.5 mi. southeast Hwy 78 on Sand Hwy, 4.2 mi. southwest Cactus, Coachella Bridge, 1 mi east Coachella Bridge, 1.5 mi southwest Coachella Bridge, 2.5 mi northeast Coachella Bridge, 3.5 mi. north Coachella Bridge, 5.1 mi southeast Coachella Bridge, Glamis, 13.7 mi. northwest Glamis, 2 mi. west Glamis, 3.5 mi northwest Glamis, 5 mi south southeast Glamis, 7 mi southeast Glamis, Algodones Dunes south



Ruthven; 126 specimens were examined. The species was collected in March, April and May.

#### **Natural history**

*Host plants*. Unknown, but other members of the genus are root feeders.

*Habitat requirements*. Sand dunes. The species is only known from the Algodones Dunes and vicinity (Coachella Bridge and Cactus).

Collecting techniques. Black light traps.

# **Population status**

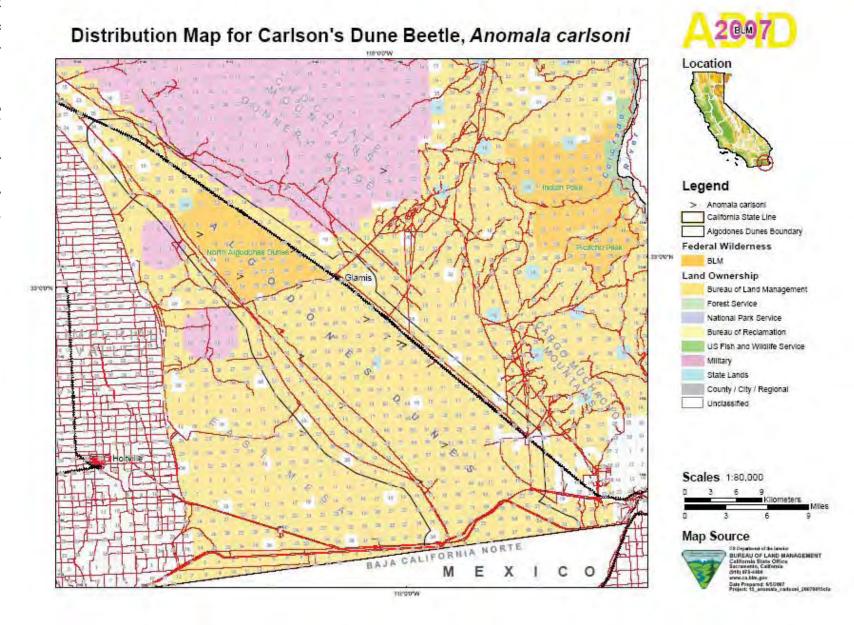
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#### Sensitivity to disturbance

Unknown, but anything that affects their host plants could seriously impact the species. How significant any such habitat disturbance would be to this species would depend on the number of host plants affected and the severity of the impact to the individual plants.

# **Information sources**

Specimens were examined in museum collections of the Entomological Research Museum, University of California, Riverside and State Insect Collection, California Department of Food & Agriculture, Sacramento. Information was also taken from Hardy and Andrews (1986).



# Hardy's Dune Beetle Anomala hardyorum Potts

(Coleoptera: Scarabaeidae: Rutellinae)

#### **Taxonomy**

Anomala hardyorum Potts 1976:221. Holotype male; California: Imperial Co., 3 mi. northwest Glamis (the types are deposited in the California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco).

#### **Diagnostic features**

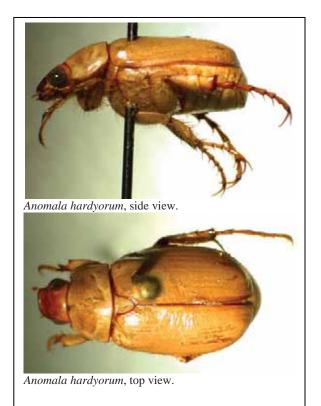
This is a small pale brown species of scarab beetle, ranging in length from 7-10 mm. A detailed description of the genitalia, which is used to discriminate species, is in Potts (1976).

#### **Collection localities/distribution**

CALIFORNIA: Imperial Co.: 1.3 mi. west Glamis, 5.5 mi. south southeast Glamis, 7 mi. southeast Glamis, 7.4 mi southeast Glamis, 9.5 mi west Glamis, 5.1 mi. southeast Coachella Bridge; 271 specimens were examined. The species has been collected in the months of February through June.

## **Natural history**

Host plants. Unknown, but other members of the genus are root feeders. Adults have been sifted from sand under a diversity of plant species (Hardy & Andrews 1980).



Habitat requirements. Uncompacted sand; the species is only known from the Algodones Dunes on active north and east faces (Hardy & Andrews 1980). Adults leave the sand and are active on the sand surface and flying at dusk.

Collecting techniques. Black light traps, sand sifting.

#### **Population status**

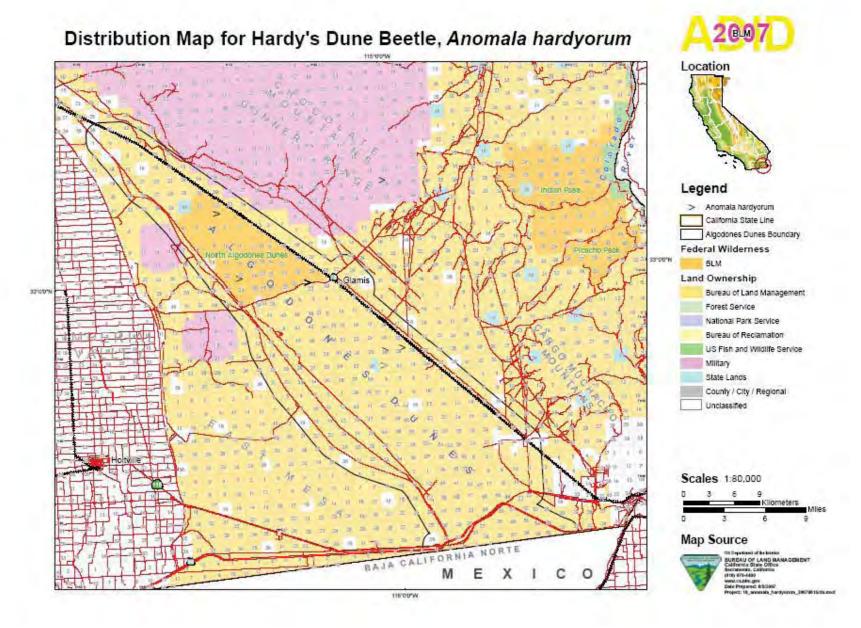
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## Sensitivity to disturbance

Unknown, but anything that affects the dunes they inhabit and their host plants could seriously impact the species. How significant any such habitat disturbance would be to this species would depend on the number of host plants affected and the severity of the impact to the individual plants.

#### **Information sources**

Specimens were examined in museum collections of the Los Angeles Museum of Natural History and State Insect Collection, California Department of Food & Agriculture, Sacramento. Information was also taken from Hardy and Andrews (1980) and Potts (1976).



# Wandae Dune Beetle Cyclocephala wandae Hardy

(Coleoptera: Scarabaeidae: Dynastinae)

# **Taxonomy:**

*Cyclocephala wandae* Hardy 1974:160. Holotype male; California: Imperial Co., 3 mi northwest Glamis (type deposited in US National Museum).

Superficially *wandae* resembles *Leptohoplia testaceipennis* Saylor and *Cyclocephala arenosa* Howden & Endrödi.

# **Diagnostic features:**

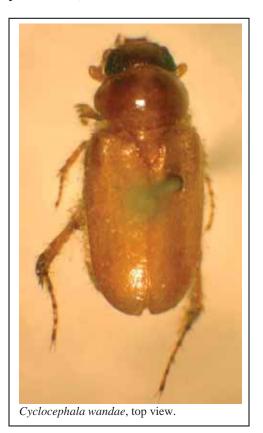
This is a small, brown species of scarab. It averages 7-8 mm in length and is one of the smaller species in the Dynastinae in North America. It can be distinguished by the male genitalia.

#### **Collection localities/distribution:**

CALIFORNIA: Imperial Co., 1.3 mi. west Glamis on Hwy 78, 5 mi. southwest Glamis; six specimens were seen. The species has been collected in the months of July through August.

#### **Natural history:**

*Host plants*. Unknown, but other members of the genus are root feeders.



Habitat requirements. Sandy soil/dunes. This species is only known from the Algodones Dunes.

Collecting techniques. Black light trap, pitfall

# **Population status:**

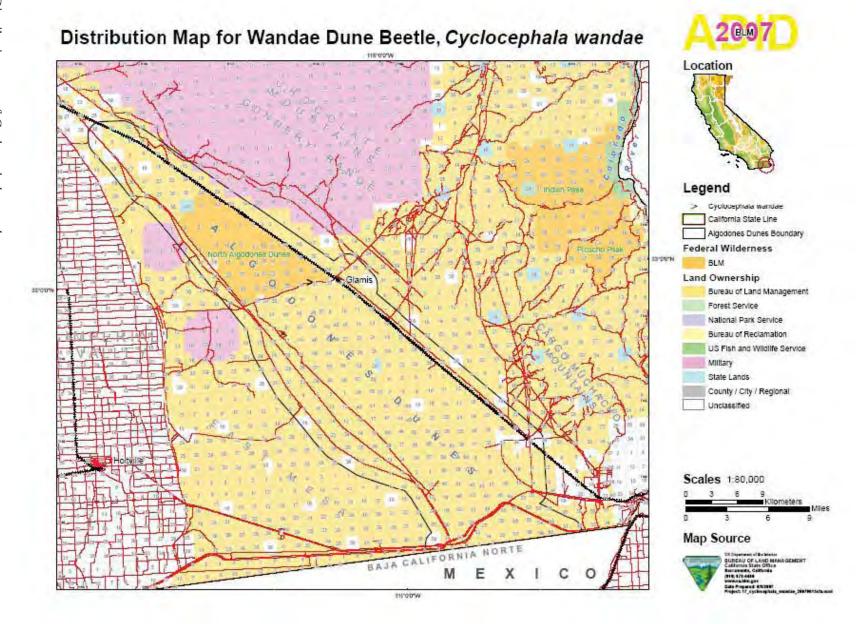
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# Sensitivity to disturbance

Unknown, but anything that affects their host plants could seriously impact the species. How significant any such habitat disturbance would be to this species would depend on the number of host plants affected and the severity of the impact to the individual plants.

# **Information sources:**

Specimens were examined in museum collections of the Essig Museum, University of California, Berkeley, and Los Angeles Museum of Natural History, and State Insect Collection, California Department of Food & Agriculture, Sacramento. Information was also taken from Hardy (1974).



# Andrew's Dune Scarab Beetle Pseudocotalpa andrewsi Hardy

(Coleoptera: Scarabaeidae: Rutellinae)

# **Taxonomy**

Pseudocotalpa andrewsi Hardy 1971:239. Holotype male; California: Imperial Co., Glamis (types deposited in the California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco).

#### **Diagnostic features**

Body length 13-18 mm. This is a distinctive beetle with a pale yellowish brown body and dense white hair on the venter.

#### Collection localities/distribution

CALIFORNIA: Imperial Co.: Algodones dunes south Ruthven, Glamis, 0.6 mi. west Glamis, 1.3 road mi. west Glamis on Hwy 78, 1.5 mi. west Glamis, 11 mi south southeast Glamis, 13.7 mi. northwest Glamis, 2 mi. west Glamis, 3 mi. northwest Glamis, 2.7 mi. northwest Glamis, 5 km north Glamis, 7 mi. southeast Glamis, Algodones Dunes south Ruthven, 9.5 mi. northwest Glamis, 5 mi. south Ogilby; San Diego Co.: 5 mi. east of Borrego Springs; ARIZONA: Yuma Co., Yuma Dunes. The species is found in the months of February to May.



Pseudocotalpa andrewsi, side view.



Pseudocotalpa andrewsi, top view.

# **Natural history**

Host plants. Unknown, but other members of the genus are root feeders.

*Habitat requirements*. Sand dunes. According to Hardy (1971) these beetles live deep in sand, only emerging at late twilight to fly to find mates. They are much less frequently collected at black light than by hand collecting during this period.

Collecting techniques. Hand collecting at twilight, black light trapping in early evening.

#### **Population status**

Unknown.

# Sensitivity to disturbance

Unknown, but anything that affects their host plants could seriously impact the species. How significant any such habitat disturbance would be to this species would depend on the number of host plants affected and the severity of the impact to the individual plants.

#### **Information sources**

Information is from Hardy (1971), Hardy and Andrews (1986) and Rust (1985), and specimens from the Bohart Museum of Entomology, UC Davis; State Collection of Arthropods, California Dept. of Food & Agriculture; Essig Museum, University of California, Berkeley; Natural History Museum of

Los Angeles; State Arthropod Collection, California Department of Food and Agriculture, and Entomological Research Museum, University of California, Riverside.

# Distribution for Andrew's Dune Scarab Beetle, Pseudocotalpa andrewsi — 200 Location Legend Indian Pass > Pseudocotalpa andrewsi California State Line Algodones Dunes Boundary Federal Wilderness Land Ownership Bureau of Land Management Forest Service National Park Service Bureau of Reclamation US Fish and Wildlife Service Military State Lands County / City / Regional Unclassified Scales 1:80,000 Map Source ואיזניטיפון

# **Section 2. Additional Species Endemic to the Dunes**

# Glamis Sandfly *Apiocera warneri* Cazier

(Diptera: Apioceridae)

# **Taxonomy**

Apiocera warneri Cazier 1985:17. Holotype male; California: Imperial Co., 1.5 mi w Glamis (types deposited in the American Museum of Natural History).

# **Diagnostic features**

The pale, almost unmarked body coloration is diagnostic for this species, separating it from the closely related species, *A. sonorae* Cazier and *A. bilineata* Painter.

#### Collection localities/distribution

CALIFORNIA: Imperial Co.: 1.5 mi w Glamis, 4 mi n Glamis; 5 specimens have been described. The species was collected in September.

# **Natural history**

Nectar sources. Unknown.

*Habitat requirements*. Larval stages are predatory, living in sand dunes/loose sandy soil. The species is only known from the Algodones Dunes.

Collecting techniques. Hand netting and black light trap.

# **Population status**

Unknown.

# Sensitivity to disturbance

Unknown.

#### **Information sources**

No specimens were seen. Information was taken from the original publication, Cazier (1985).

# Glamis Robberfly Efferia macroxipha Forbes

(Diptera: Asilidae)

# **Taxonomy**

*Efferia macroxipha* Forbes 1988:556. Holotype male; California: Imperial Co., Rt. 78 2 mi west Glamis (deposited in the California Academy of Sciences).

# **Diagnostic features**

This is a large robberfly, almost entirely covered with whitish pilosity. Body length ranges from 19-26 mm. This species also has the longest ovipositor of any nearctic asilid.

#### Collection localities/distribution

CALIFORNIA: Imperial Co.: 2 mi west Glamis, Glamis off Hwy 78, Gecko Campground near Rt. 78, 3 mi south Route 78; 21 specimens were seen. The species was collected in the month of September.

#### **Natural history**

*Prey species*. Sphecid wasps, noctuid moths and ant lions have been recorded as prey. This predatory fly undoubtedly feeds on a diversity of flying insects that are smaller than it is.

*Habitat requirements*. Sand dunes. The species was found perching on *Ephedra* and *Eriogonum* twigs just above the soil surface and not directly on the sand, and was collected between 1200 and 1800 hours.

Collecting techniques. Net collecting and malaise trapping.

#### **Population status**

Unknown.

# Sensitivity to disturbance

Unknown.

# **Information sources**

Specimens were examined in the collections of the California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco. Additional information is from Forbes (1988).

# **Perdita**

# Perdita flavicincta

(Hymenoptera: Andrenidae)

# **Taxonomy**

This species is undescribed, but has been assigned the name *flavicincta* in on-line lists. The species name *flavicincta* has never been published and is therefore a *nomen nudum*, and should not be used.

# **Diagnostic features**

Unknown.

#### Collection localities/distribution

Reported to be from the Algodones Dunes.

# **Natural history**

Nest sites. Unknown. However, all Perdita species nest in the ground.

Nectar plants. Unknown, but Perdita species are host plant specific.

Habitat requirements. Unknown

Collecting techniques. Net collecting, yellow bowls and malaise trapping.

# **Population status**

Unknown.

# Sensitivity to disturbance

Unknown, but anything that affects their nectar and pollen plants or nest sites could seriously impact the species. How significant any such habitat disturbance would be to this species would depend on the number of nectar and pollen plants affected and the severity of the impact to the individual plants.

#### **Information sources**

This species name has been listed in a number of websites about the Algodones Dunes, including Wikipedia.org and Answers.com.

# **Perdita**

# Perdita frontalis Timberlake

(Hymenoptera: Andrenidae)

#### **Taxonomy**

*Perdita frontalis* Timberlake 1968:12. Holotype female; California: Imperial Co., 5.7 mi west Glamis (types deposited in the California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco, on permanent loan from the University of California, Riverside).

# **Diagnostic features**

The species most closely resembles *Perdita* (*Heteroperdita*) *arenaria* but can be distinguished by the large yellow spot on the side of the frons and the inner eye margin is yellow up to the top of the eye. The body length is 3-4 mm.

#### **Collection localities/distribution**

CALIFORNIA: Imperial Co., dunes west Glamis, 5.7 mi. west Glamis; 3 females are recorded. The species was collected in July.

#### **Natural history**

Nest sites. Unknown. However, all Perdita species nest in the ground.

Nectar plants. Eriogonum deserticola and Coldenia plicata. Perdita species are host plant specific.

Habitat requirements. The species is only known from the Algodones Dunes from the type series.

Collecting techniques. Hand net, malaise trap.

#### **Population status**

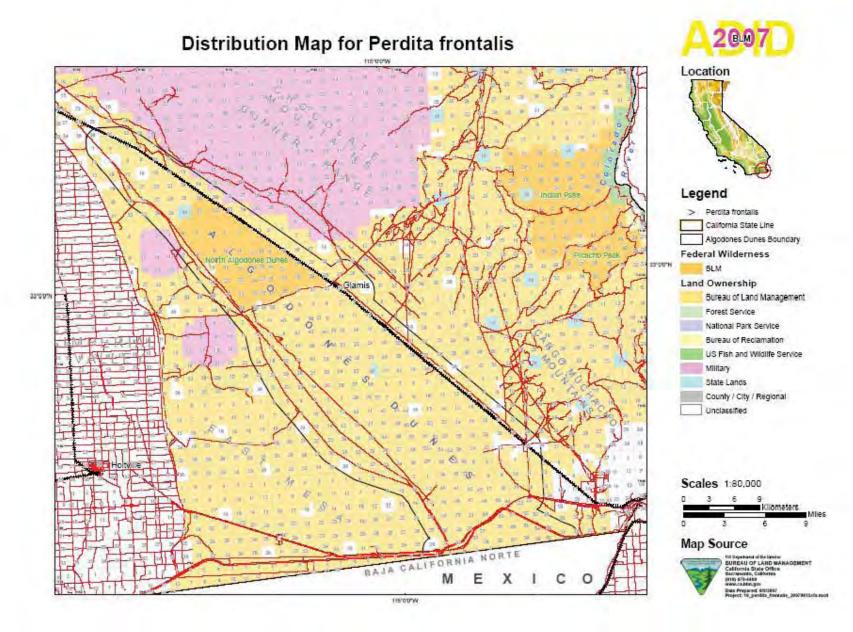
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#### Sensitivity to disturbance

Unknown, but anything that affects their nectar and pollen plants or nest sites could seriously impact the species. How significant any such habitat disturbance would be to this species would depend on the number of nectar and pollen plants affected and the severity of the impact to the individual plants.

#### **Information sources**

No specimens have been seen; information is from Timberlake (1968).



# **Glamis Night Mutillid** Sphaeropthalma ecarinata Schuster

(Hymenoptera: Mutillidae)

# **Taxonomy**

Sphaeropthalma ecarinata Schuster 1958:20. Holotype male; California (type deposited in the US National Museum).

# **Diagnostic features**

These are moderate-sized nocturnal wasps, ranging from 15-20 mm long. Schuster comments on the unusually large ocelli and eyes and the mandible with a small subapical tooth. Males are winged, females are wingless.

# **Collection localities/distribution**

CALIFORNIA, Imperial Co. 5 mi southwest Glamis; 5 mi southwest Glamis; 6 mi southwest Glamis; 20 mi. east Brawley sand dunes; 3 mi.



north Glamis; 78 specimens were examined. The species has been collected in April, July and September. These wasps have only been collected from the Algodones Dunes.

# **Natural history**

*Biology.* Unknown. These are undoubtedly parasitoids on other insects, particularly bees and wasps.

Habitat requirements. Open sandy soil/dunes.

Collecting techniques. Black light trap (male), pitfall trap (female).

# **Population status**

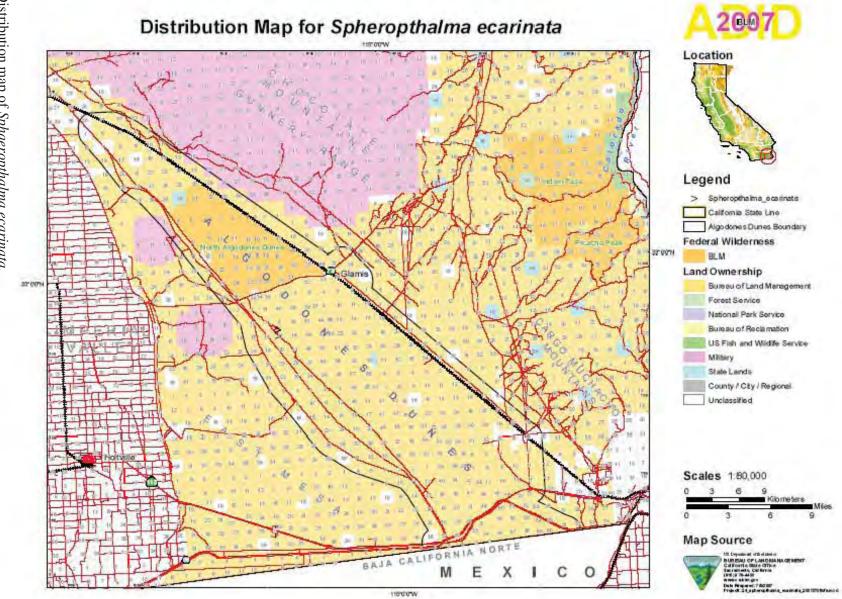
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# Sensitivity to disturbance

Unknown, but anything that affects their host insects could seriously impact the species. How significant any such habitat disturbance would be to this species would depend on the number of host insects affected and the severity of the impact to the individual host insects.

#### **Information sources**

Museum specimens in the collections of Utah State University, Logan and State Insect Collection, California Department of Food & Agriculture, Sacramento. Information was also taken from Schuster (1958).



# Glamis Night Tiphiid Sedomaya glamisensis Kimsey & Wasbauer

(Hymenoptera: Tiphiidae)

# **Taxonomy**

Sedomaya glamisensis Kimsey & Wasbauer 1998:72. Holotype male; California, Imperial Co., Glamis (type series in the University of California, Davis).

*Sedomaya* belongs to the tiphiid subfamily Brachycistidinae. This is monotypic genus is known only from the Algodones Dunes.

# **Diagnostic features**

The genus and species are characterized by the small size, 5-7 mm long, the presence of a stridulatory structure on the forecoxa, the first metasomal sternum with a short, longitudinal



carina extending posteromedially from the base, a ventral clypeal bevel, elongate digitus, and reduced wing venation with only two small submarginal and one discoidal cell in the forewing.

#### Collection localities/distribution

CALIFORNIA: Imperial Co., Glamis, 3 mi. north Glamis; 29 specimens were studied. The species has been collected in the months of April and September.

#### **Natural history**

*Host species.* Unknown. Tiphiids are all parasitoids but the hosts are unknown for the entire subfamily.

Nectar plants. None.

Habitat requirements. Open sandy soil/dunes; endemic to the Algodones Dunes.

Collecting techniques. Members of this subfamily are mostly collected at UV (blacklight) lights at night. Females are unknown for the genus, but females in related genera have been collected in pitfall traps.

#### **Population status**

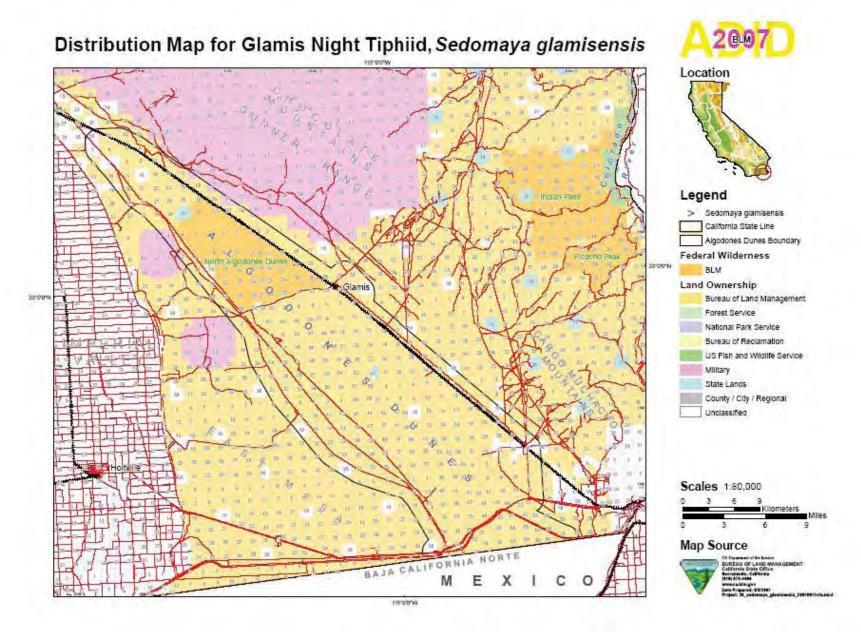
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#### Sensitivity to disturbance

Unknown, but anything that affects their host insects could seriously impact the species. How significant any such habitat disturbance would be to this species would depend on the number of host insects affected and the severity of the impact to the individual host insects.

# **Information sources**

Museum specimens in the Bohart Museum of Entomology, University of California, Davis, and information from Kimsey and Wasbauer (1999).



Section 3. Insects Appearing on Various Lists but Not Endemic to the Dunes

# Hairy Night Mutillid Odontophotopsis villosa Mickel

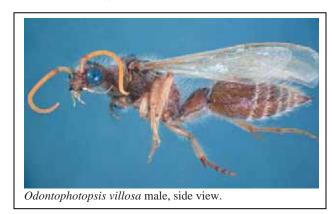
(Hymenoptera: Mutillidae)

# **Taxonomy**

Odontophotopsis villosa Mickel 1983 (in Mickel and Clausen 1983):550. Holotype male; California: Riverside Co., Palm Springs (types deposited in the University of Minnesota).

#### **Diagnostic features**

Males are winged, female are unknown but should be wingless as is typical for the genus. *O. villosa* resembles *unicornis* Schuster and *erebus* (Melander) but can be distinguished by



having the mandibles only weakly excised ventrally, the clypeus weakly tuberculate, shorter marginal cell, and the presence of an elevated carina on metasomal sternum II.

# **Collection localities/distribution**

CALIFORNIA: Imperial Co., 5 mi southwest Glamis, Algodones Dunes south Ruthven, 3 mi. north Glamis, 7 mi southeast Glamis, Holtville; Riverside Co.: Palm Springs, Thousand Palms; 38 specimens were examined. The species is collected in the months of April, July and September. It is found in Riverside and Imperial Counties.

#### **Natural history**

*Biology*. Unknown. Members of this family are all parasitoids on other insects, particularly bees and sphecid wasps.

Habitat requirements. Sand dunes.

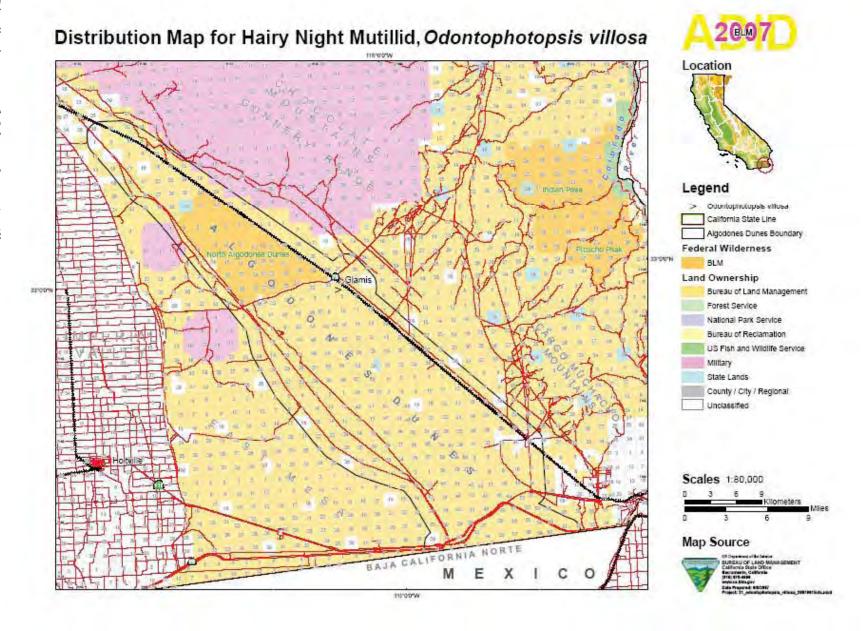
Collecting techniques. Black light trap (males), pitfall traps (females).

# **Population status**

Unknown.

### **Information sources**

Museum specimens from Utah State University, Logan, and the State Insect Collection, California Department of Food & Agriculture, Sacramento. Information was also taken from Mickel and Clausen (1983).



# Sleeper's Rhinoceros Beetle Megasoma sleeperi Hardy

(Coleoptera: Scarabaeidae: Dynastinae)

# **Taxonomy**

Megasoma sleeperi Hardy 1972:775. Holotype female; Califonria; Riverside Co. Joshua Tree National Monument, Pleasant Valley (types deposited in US National Museum).

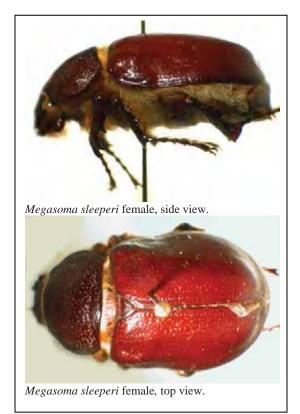
#### **Diagnostic features**

This is one of the smallest species of *Megasoma*. It is similar in size to *Pseudocatalpa* species but is much darker in color. Individuals range from 25-30 mm long.

# Collection localities/distribution

California: Riverside Co.: Joshua Tree National Monument, Pleasant Valley; Imperial Co.: Glamis, 2 mi north, 1.3 mi. southwest, 3 mi. northwest, 7 mi. southeast; Riverside Co.: Deep Canyon; seven specimens were examined. The species has been collected in the months of September and October.

This species is found as far north as Deep Canyon and Joshua Tree National Monument in Riverside County. It is not endemic to the Algodones Dunes.



#### **Natural history**

Host plants. Megasoma sleeperi is associated with Palo Verde, Cercidium macrophyllum. Adults can be found feeding on sap and honeydew on the trees or by black light trapping in the vicinity. Larvae feed in dead Palo Verde wood.

Habitat requirements. Habitats with Palo Verde trees.

Collecting techniques. Hand picking off palo verde, black light trap.

#### **Population status**

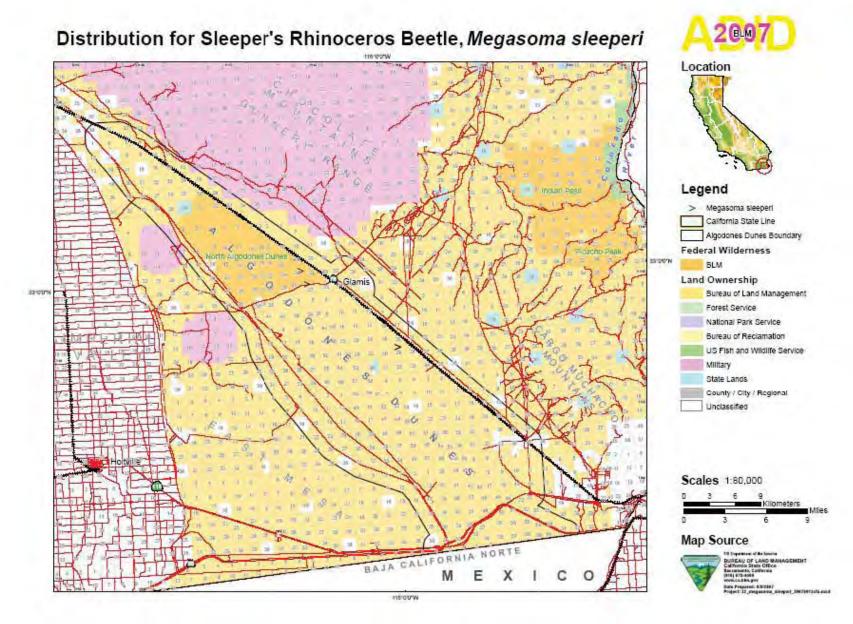
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# Sensitivity to disturbance

Unknown.

#### **Information sources**

Hardy (1972), Hardy and Andrews (1974) and Van Dam et al. (2006), and museum specimens from the University of California, Riverside; State Insect Collection, California Department of Food & Agriculture, Sacramento and Essig Museum, University of California, Berkeley.



# Sonora Dune Scarab Beelte Pseudocotalpa sonorica Hardy

(Coleoptera: Scarabaeidae: Rutelinae)

# **Taxonomy**

*Pseudocotalpa sonorica* Hardy 1974:246. Holotype male; Mexico: Sonora, 50 mi. North Puerto Penasco (type deposited in the California Academy of Sciences).

# **Diagnostic features**

Body length 21 mm. This species resembles *Pseudocotalpa andrewsi* but lacks the long dense, whitish setae on the venter seen in that species.

#### **Collection localities/distribution**

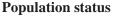
USA: CALIFORNIA: Imperial Co., Algodones dunes, Hwy 78 north Osborne overlook, 1.5 mi. west Glamis, 3.9 mi. west Glamis, Yuma Sand Hills (below Yuma); MEXICO: SONORA: 50 mi southwest Sonoita; 7 specimens were examined. The species has been collected in the month of April.

# **Natural history**

Host plant. Unknown.

*Habitat requirements*. Sand dunes. The species occurs in the Algodones Dunes east to Yuma and probably south to the Gulf of California.

Collecting technique. Black light trap.



Unknown.

# Sensitivity to disturbance

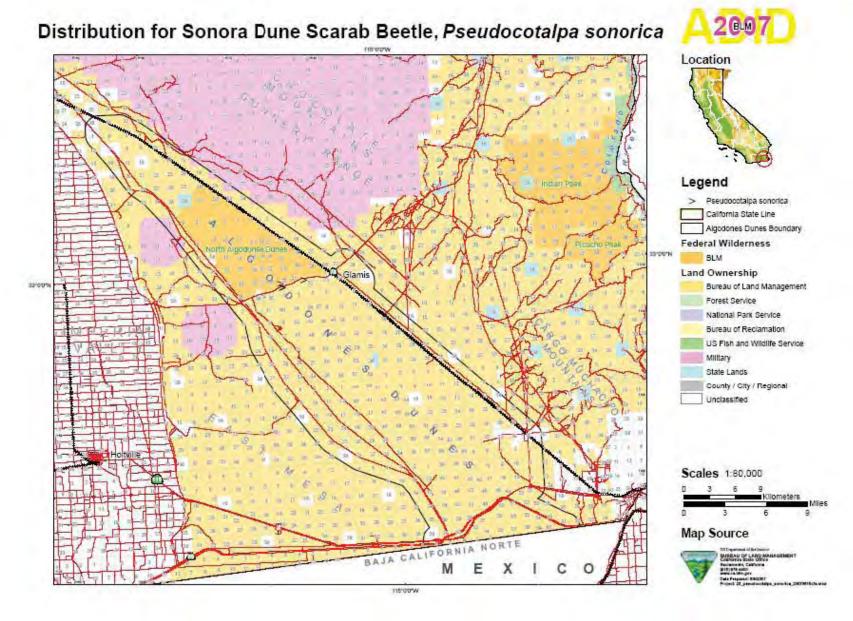
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#### **Information sources**

California Academy of Sciences (CAS) houses the type. Additional information was taken from Hardy (1974), Rust (1985) and Van Dam (2006), and from specimens in the Essig Museum, University of California, Berkeley and Entomological Research Museum, University of California, Riverside.



Pseudocotalpa sonoriac, top view.



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Table 1. Status of our knowledge of the insects reported as endemic to the Algodones Dunes. This list includes species listed in websites and unpublished literature as endemic to the dunes as indicated by an asterisk (\*).

	Endemic to	Life History		
Genus species	the Dunes	Category	Larval stages	
HYMENOPTERA				
Perdita algodones	yes	melliferous	unknown	
Perdita flavicincta*	yes	melliferous	unknown	
Perdita frontalis*	yes	melliferous	unknown	
Perdita glamis	yes	melliferous	unknown	
Habropoda n. sp.	yes	melliferous	unknown	
Dasymutilla imperialis	no	parasitoid	unknown	
Dasymutilla nocturna	no	parasitoid	unknown	
Odontophotopsis villosa	no	parasitoid	unknown	
Spheropthalma ecarinata	yes	parasitoid	unknown	
Microbembex elegans	yes	scavenger	unknown	
Stictiella villegasi	yes	predator	unknown	
Euparagia n. sp.	yes	predator	unknown	
Sedomaya glamisensis	yes	parasitoid	unknown	
COLEOPTERA				
Lepismadora algodones	yes	phytophagous	unknown	
Prasinalia imperialis	yes	phytophagous	unknown	
Agrilus harenus	yes	phytophagous	unknown	
Anomala carlsoni	yes	phytophagous	unknown	
Anomala hardyorum	yes	phytophagous	unknown	
Cyclocephala wandae	yes	phytophagous	unknown	
Pseudocotalpa andrewsi	no	phytophagous	unknown	
Trigonoscuta rothi rothi	yes	phytophagous	unknown	
Trigonoscuta rothi algodones	yes	phytophagous	unknown	
Trigonoscuta rothi imperialis	yes	phytophagous	unknown	
Trigonoscuta rothi punctata	yes	phytophagous	unknown	
DIPTERA				
Apiocera warner	yes	predator	unknown	
Efferia macroxipha	yes	predator	unknown	

Table 2. Natural history of species endemic to the Algodones Dunes.

Genus species	Seasonal	Collecting	
	Activity Period	Techniques	Food Type
HYMENOPTERA			
Perdita algodones	April	net, malaise trap	nectar, pollen
Perdita flavicincta*	unknown	net, malaise trap	nectar, pollen
Perdita frontalis*	July	net, malaise trap	nectar, pollen - Eriogonum,
			Coldenia
Perdita glamis	June	net, malaise trap	nectar, pollen
Habropoda n. sp.	April	net	nectar, pollen
Spheropthalma ecarinata	April, July, Sept.	black light, pitfall	parasitoid
Microbembex elegans	Sept, Oct.	black light, pitfall	scavenger on dead insects
Stictiella villegasi	Oct., Nov.	net, malaise trap	predator on Lepidoptera
Euparagia n. sp.	June, July	net, malaise trap	predator
Sedomaya glamisensis		black light, pitfall	parasitoid
COLEOPTERA			
Lepismadora algodones	June-Sept.	net	wood - <i>Tiquilia</i>
Prasinalia imperialis	June, July	net	wood - Eriogonum
			deserticola
Agrilus harenus	June, July, Sept.	net	wood - Croton wigginisii
Anomala carlsoni	March-May	black light, pitfall	root feeder
Anomala hardyorum	FebJune	black light, pitfall	root feeder
Cyclocephala wandae	July-Aug.	black light, pitfall	root feeder
Trigonoscuta rothi rothi	JanMarch	pitfall	root feeder
Trigonoscuta rothi algodones	April	pitfall	root feeder
Trigonoscuta rothi imperialis	unknown	pitfall	root feeder
Trigonoscuta rothi punctata	unknown	pitfall	root feeder
DIPTERA			
Apiocera warner	Sept.	net, malaise trap	generalist predator
Efferia macroxipha	Sept.	net, malaise trap	generalist predator